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1. RETURNED BUCHAREST 17 TH DEPARTING FOR IASI 19 TH BY TRAIN. WILL HAVE TO RETURN BUCHAREST MARCH 23 TO PROCEED BAIAMARE, NO DIRECT TRANSPORTATION THESE TWO POINTS. ARRIVAL SOFIA MAY BE DELAYED. IN ORDER MEET BUDAPEST DATES, REQUIRED BY STRICT VISA LIMITATIONS, MAY BE FORCED DELETE VARNA AND/ OR PLOVDIV. PRESENT ESTIMATE COMPLETION ROMANIAN SURVEY MARCH 30.

2. SUMMARY THREE DAYS BUCHAREST SIX DAYS GALATI: 1196: MUNICH GENERALLY WEAK BUCHAREST. CO- CHANNEL STATION VERY WEAK BUCHAREST, SLIGHTLY STRONGER GALATI RARE OCCASIONS EQUAL TO OR SLIGHTLY STRONGER MUNICH. MOSCOW INTERVAL HEARD ONE DAY ONLY 0400 AND 1800 IN GALATI. STATION CARRIES GARBLED MAYAK 0200-0300. OTHER PERIODS APPEAR TO CARRY UNGARBLED MAYAK FOUND ON SHORTWAVE FREQUENCIES. PARALLEL PROGRAMMING FOUND EXAMPLE 6040. PROGRAMMING NOT SAME AS 173. ALSO AT TIMES APPEARS TO BE AN ADDITIONAL VERY WEAK STATION ON FREQUENCY. ATTEMPTS TO OBTAIN BEARING NOT CONCLUSIVE AS MAX SIGNAL VERY BROAD FROM NORTHEAST TO SOUTHEAST WHICH COULD BE EFFECTED BY LOCAL STRUCTURES. EVENING MUNICH TRANSMITTER OFF NO VOICE HEARD ON CO- CHANNEL STATION DURING SAME PERIOD, ONLY STRONG HETERODYNE ON TWO RECEIVERS. STATION COULD POSSIBLY BE KZYL ORDA WITH IMPROVED FACILITIES.

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3. 791: KAVALLA PROVIDING STRONG CLEAR SIGNAL BUCHAREST AND GALATI. CO- CHANNEL STATION VERY WEAK AND UNIDENTIFIABLE. ONLY RARELY IS STRENGTH STRONG ENOUGH TO CAUSE MODERATE DEGRADATION TO KAVALLA. APPROXIMATELY SAME STRENGTH BOTH LOCATIONS. TYPE PROGRAMMING COMMON SABAC NOT HEARD. CO- CHANNEL STATION IN MOST PROBABILITY IS LIMONES AND/ OR ASTRAKHAN DURING VARYING PERIODS.

4. UKRAINIAN ON 791 WOULD PROBABLY PROVIDE GOOD SIGNAL SOUTHEASTERN UKRAINE. HOWEVER, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO STRONG STATION 791 NOTED KRAKOW AND ROSTROF IN NOVEMBER. NO TRANSMITTER CUT NOTED 791 ON 12 TH.

5. ROMANIAN SATISFACTORY BUCHAREST AND GALATI 791 BEST, 15195 AND 11915 GENERALLY STRONG AND CLEAR.

6. UKRAINIAN SATISFACTORY GALATI 0200-0300 7190 BAK UP 6065. NO PRIMARY 0300-0400 9635 AND 6065 BACKUPS. 1600-1800 UNSATISFACTORY, 21560 AND 11805 PROVIDING BACKUP RECEPTION. FAIR PENETRATION 7280 AND 7270.

7. RUSSIAN 0300-0500 UNSATISFACTORY HOWEVER ON ANY GIVEN DAY TWO AND SOMETIMES THREE FREQUENCIES PROVIDING STRONG CLEAR RECEPTION. 1600-1700 SATISFACTORY 21510 AND 17800 WITH 15300 BACKUP. 1700-1800 NO PRIMARY 17800 ONLY BACKUP. 1800-1900 NO PRIMARY OR BACK UP. 1900-2000 11710 STRONG AND CLEAR NO BACKUP. 2000-2100 NO PRIMARY 15280, 15310 AND 11710 PROVIDING BACKUP RECEPTION.

8. ENGLISH MORNING SATISFACTORY 7200 AND 6040 BEST. 1600-1700 UNSATISFACTORY NO BACKUP FOR 15205. 1700-1800 SATISFACTORY 15205 AND 17 885. 1800-1900 791 SATISFACTORY 15205 SATISFACTORY TO 1830 ONLY. 1900-2000 SATISFACTORY 15225, 9760 WITH 17785 BACKUP. 791 SATISFACTORY TO 1930. 2000-2100 SATISFACTORY 6040 WITH BACKUPS 15225, 15205 AND 9760.

9. FOUR TAPES MAILED 19 TH, ADDITIONAL TAPES AND LOGS WILL BE FORWARDED AFTER COMPLETION SURVEY ROMANIA.
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